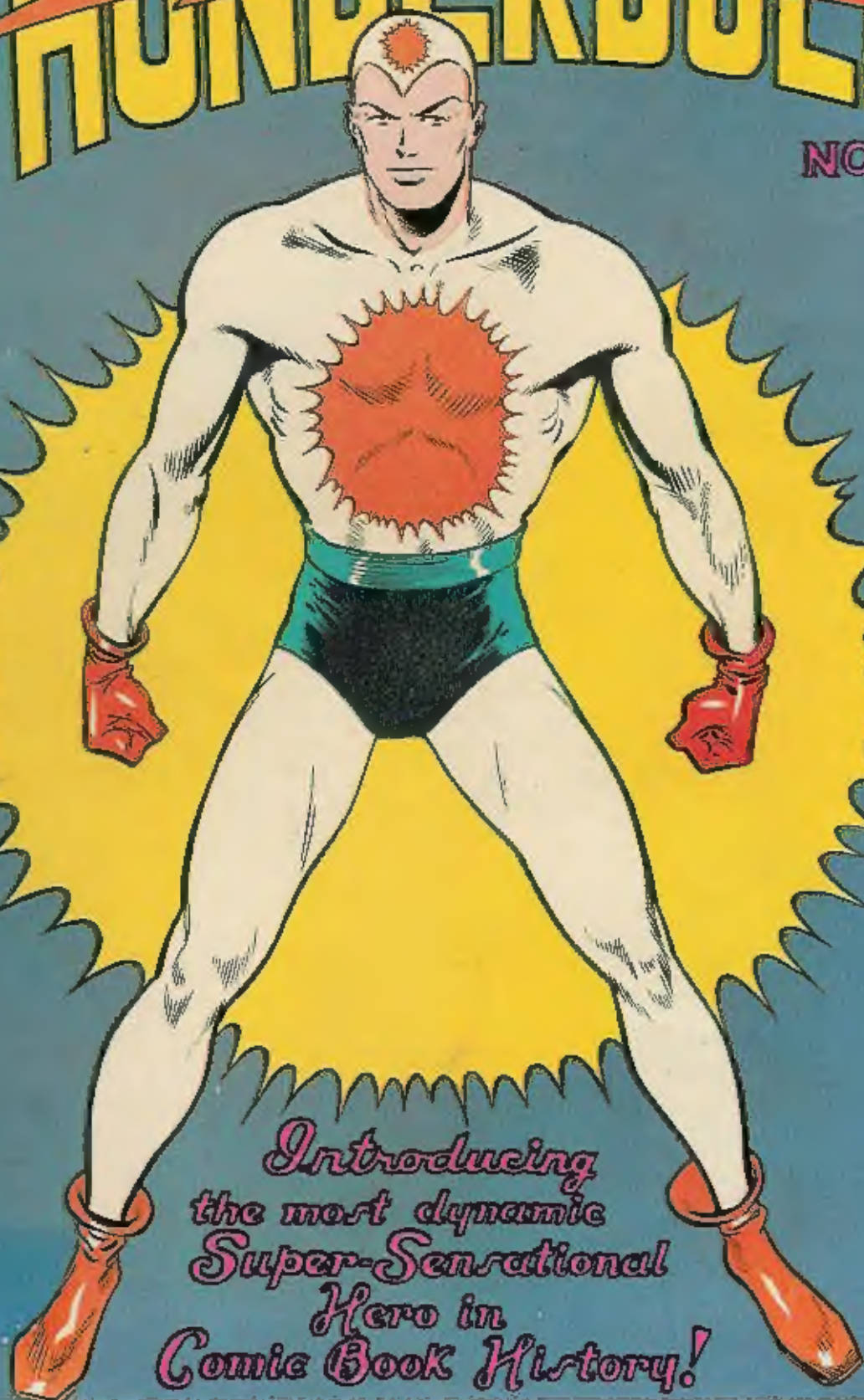


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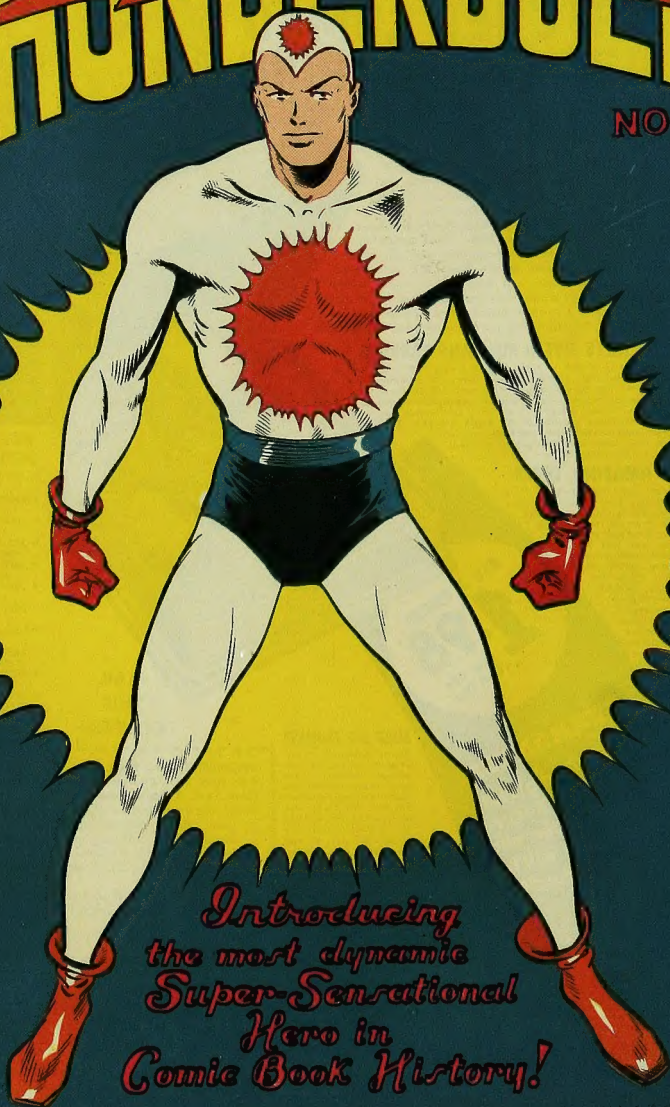
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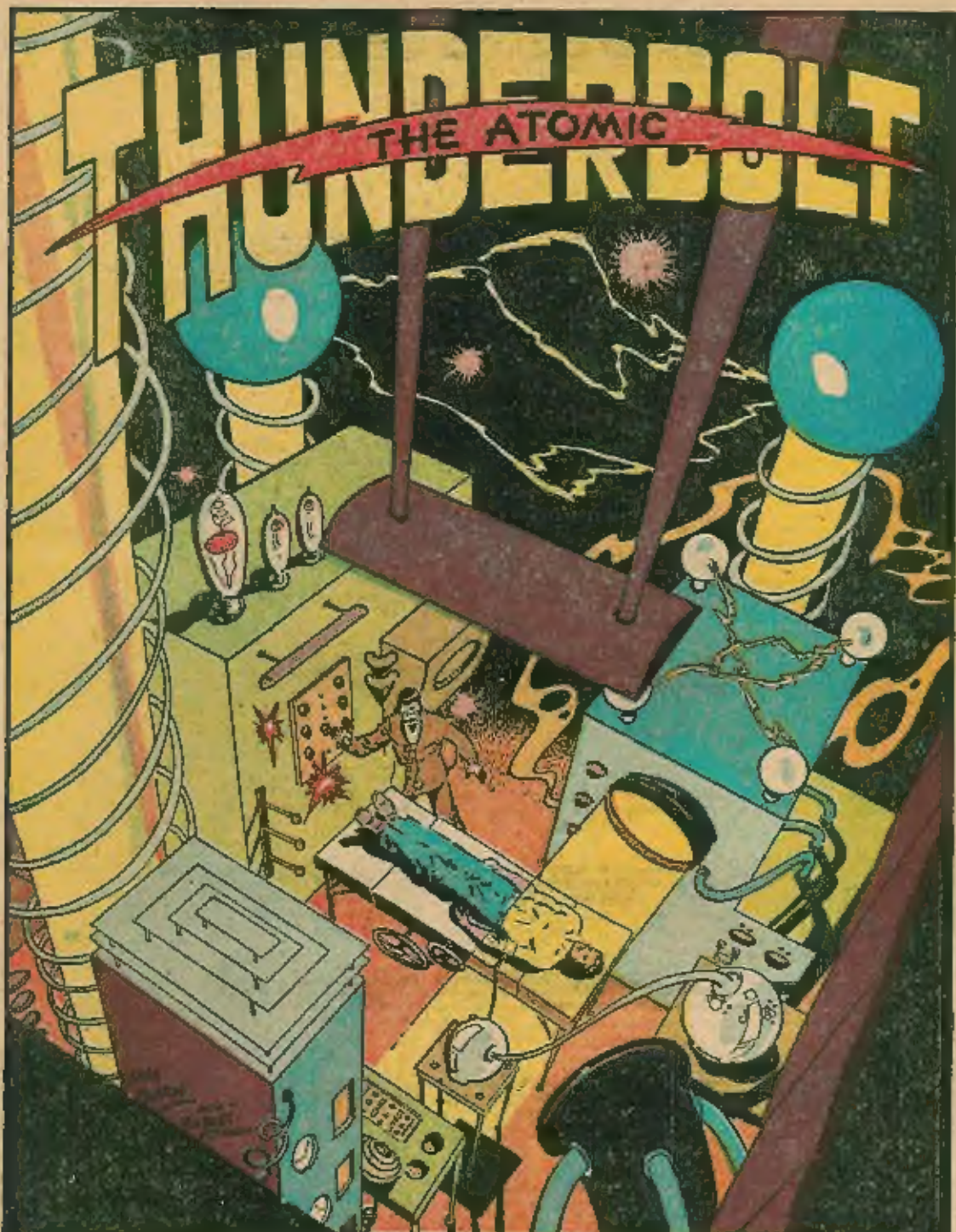
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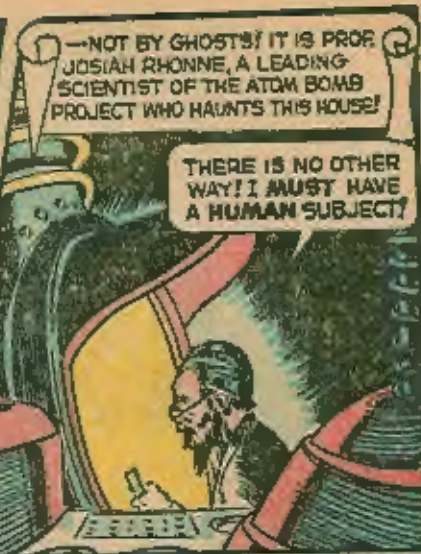
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TRANSMUTATION! THE DREAM OF CENTURIES IS AN ACTUALITY! WHAT ANCIENT ALCHEMISTS TRIED IN VAIN TO ACHIEVE, MODERN SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED BY SPLITTING THE ATOM! BUT NOT ONLY HAVE THEY LEARNED HOW TO TRANSMUTE LEAD INTO GOLD BY CHANGING THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE --- THEY HAVE EVEN CREATED NEW ELEMENTS NEVER BEFORE KNOWN TO THE WORLD! IT REMAINS FOR PROFESSOR JOSIAH RHONNE TO DO HIS COLLEAGUES ONE BETTER WHEN HE TRANSMUTES LIVING FLESH INTO --- BUT THAT'S THE STORY OF **THUNDERBOLT**....., SO TURN THE PAGE AND READ FOR YOURSELF



THIS IS THE VAN PELL CASTLE, LONG-ABANDONED! NO LIVING THING HAS BEEN SEEN NEAR THIS HOUSE FOR 100 YEARS! AND NO WONDER, FOR WHAT LIVING THING WOULD VENTURE HERE? EVERYONE KNOWS THE PLACE IS HAUNTED!... AND SO IT IS, BUT....



—NOT BY GHOSTS! IT IS PROF. JOSIAH RHONNE, A LEADING SCIENTIST OF THE ATOM BOMB PROJECT WHO HAUNTS THIS HOUSE!

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY! I MUST HAVE A HUMAN SUBJECT!



YES, I MUST HAVE A HUMAN SUBJECT—EVEN IF I HAVE TO BECOME A KIDNAPPER AND A MURDERER, I MUST PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT!



THERE ARE SOME THINGS GREATER AND MORE IMPORTANT THAN A MAN'S LIFE—SHOULD MY EXPERIMENT SUCCEED, THE CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE WILL MORE THAN COMPENSATE FOR A MURDER OR TWO!



HAAAA, IT'S A NICE NIGHT—FOR MURDER!

This IS BASS BEACH, ABOUT FOUR MILES FROM THE VAN PELL ESTATE...



IT IS HERE THAT PROF RHONNE RECEIVES HIS LABORATORY SUPPLIES....



THIS GENTLEMAN IS KNOWN LOCALLY AS WILLY THE WHARF RAT! HE'S A CROSS BETWEEN A BEACH-COMBER AND A BUM! BUT HE WAS ONCE WILLIAM BURNS - A MERCHANT MARINE - A NAZI TORPEDO EXPLODED TOO CLOSE TO HIM...



THIS IS GOING TO BE RICH!

SHHHH!



TORPEDOES! ABANDON SHIP!

HA! HA! HA!

HE ALWAYS YELLS THAT!

YAH-YAH, WHARF-RAT WILLY'S AFRAID OF NOISE!

YOU LITTLE-

HEY, WILLY, YOU WANT TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS?



BANG!

YOU'RE ALWAYS LOAFING
AROUND THE DOCKS, WILLY--
YOU MUST KNOW WHERE
THIS CRATE GOES!

YOU GET TEN BUCKS
IF YOU TELL US
WHERE THIS PROF.
RHONNE GUY KEEPS
HIS LAB!

I DON'T KNOW!
HE COMES HERE
HIMSELF TO
PICK UP HIS
STUFF! I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
HE BRINGS IT!

ANYWAY, THAT'S SECRET--
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO
BE ASKING QUESTIONS
LIKE THAT!

DON'T GET
DIFFICULT,
WILLY, OR--

HEY, SOME
BODY'S
COMING!
LET'S
SCRAM!

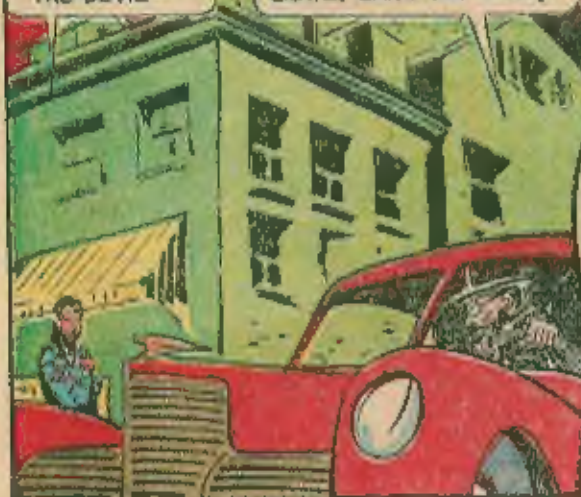


WELL, SPEAK OF
THE DEVIL--

SAY, GET AWAY FROM THAT
CRATE! CAN'T YOU READ?

GOOD HEAVENS, MAN, THAT'S
PLUTONIUM IN THERE! THE
RADIO-ACTIVITY WILL KILL A
MAN IN JUST A FEW HOURS!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU
BEEN HERE?

WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE?

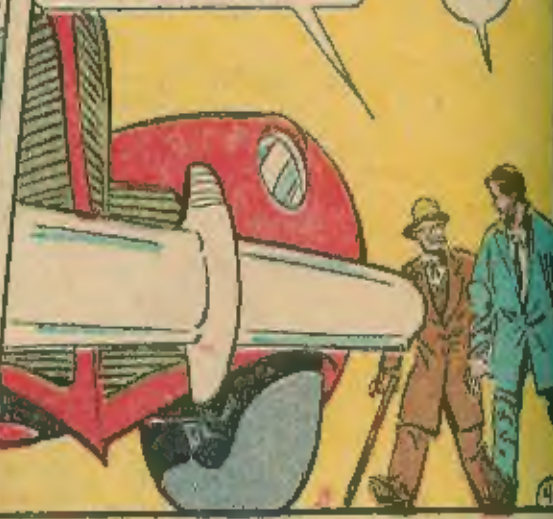


YOU MEAN--YOU DON'T CARE
IF YOU LIVE OR DIE?

NO, WHY SHOULD I?
I'M NO GOOD FOR
ANYTHING ANYMORE!

YOU'RE JUST THE MAN I'M
LOOKING FOR! COME ON, WILLY!

HUMP?



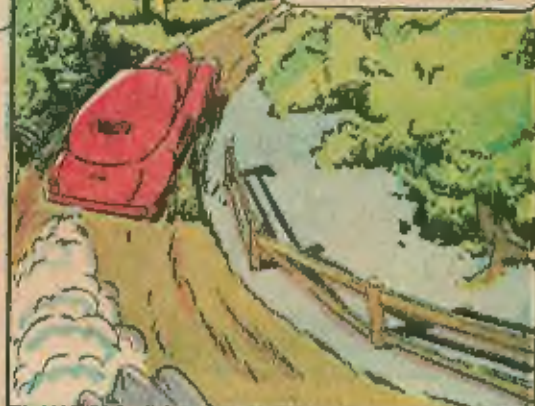
WHAT A BREAK! THE PROFESSOR HIMSELF! ALL WE GOT TO DO IS TRAIL HIM!

WHAT--WHAT DO YOU WANT ME FOR?

FOR AN EXPERIMENT! IT WILL PROBABLY KILL YOU!

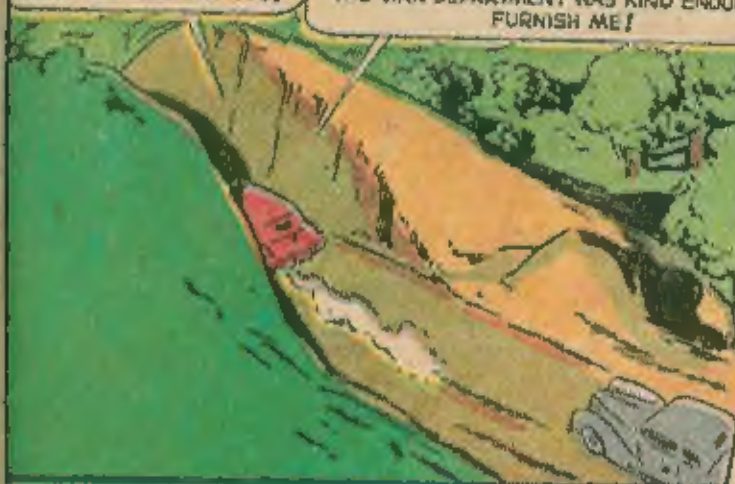
YOU PICKED ON THE RIGHT MAN, PROFESSOR! NO ONE WILL EVER REPORT ME MISSING!

I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL BE ANY CONSOLATION TO YOU-- BUT YOU'LL BE HELPING ME MAKE A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE!



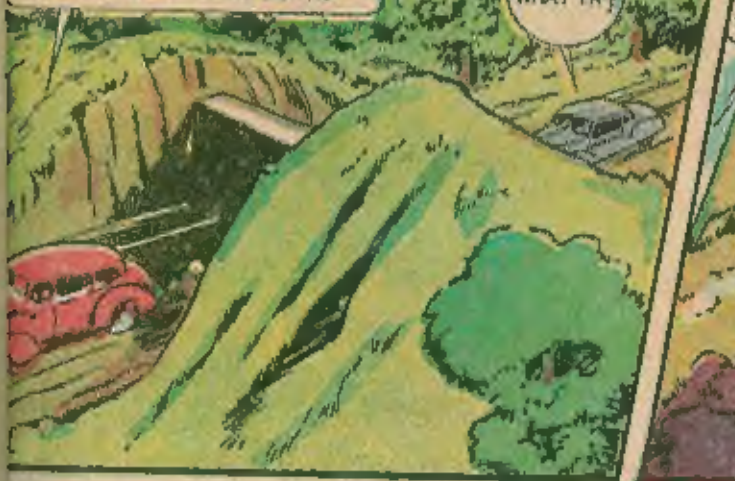
INCIDENTALLY, PROFESSOR, THERE'S A CAR BEHIND US-- MIGHT BE FOLLOWING YOU!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! EVERY TIME I RETURN FROM TOWN I TAKE A CERTAIN PRECAUTION THE WAR DEPARTMENT WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FURNISH ME!



IT'S RADIO CONTROLLED! QUITE A CONTRAPTION, ISN'T IT? AFTER FIVE MINUTES IT GOES DOWN!

HEY! WHAT TH--



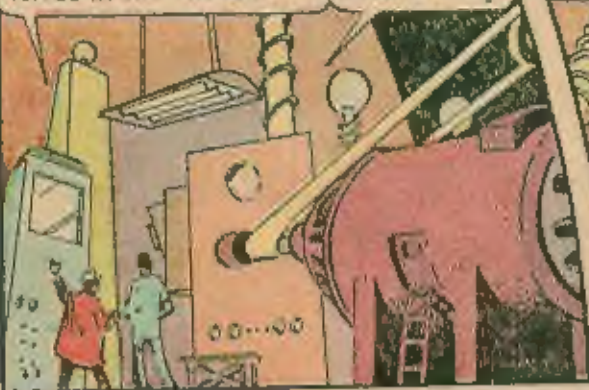
YOU SEE HOW EFFICIENT THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS--EVEN BUILT THIS SECRET ENTRANCE FOR ME!



AND HERE'S MY WORK SHOP—
ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE
ATOMIC RESEARCH LABORA-
TORIES IN THE WORLD!

AND THIS
EXPERIMENT
OF YOURS?
WHAT IS THAT?

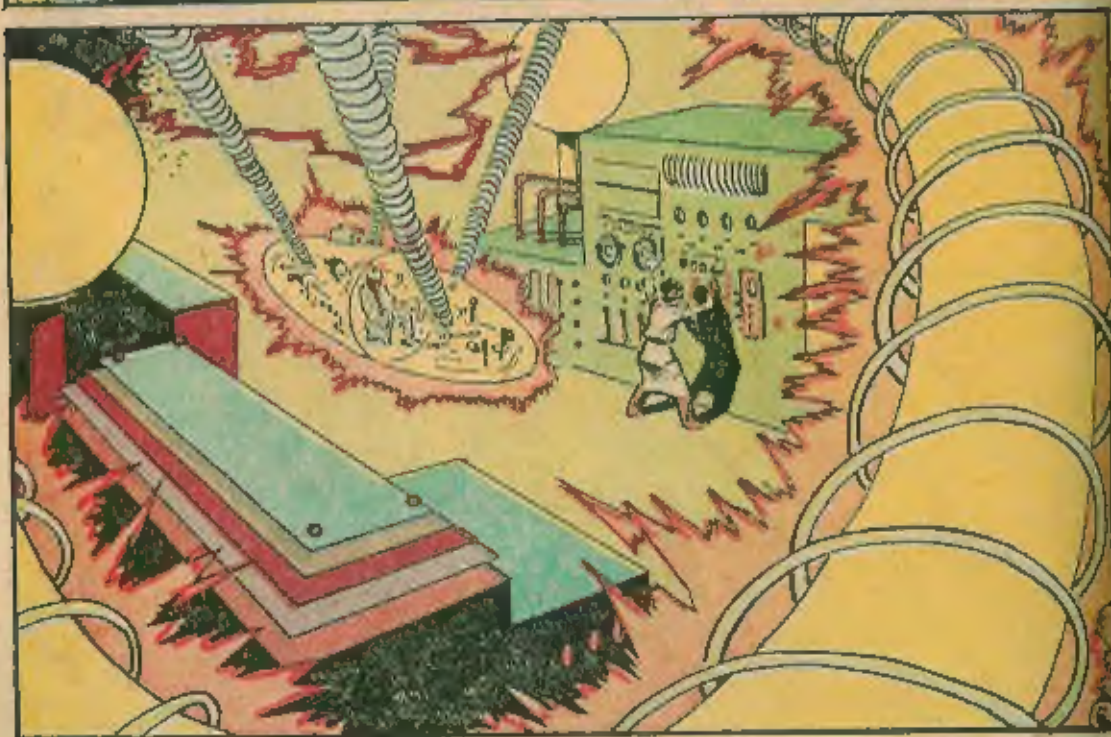
IT'S AN EXPERIMENT IN TRANSMUTATION—AN ATTEMPT TO
TO CHANGE THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE HUMAN BODY—
TO MAKE THE NEW TISSUE IMMUNE TO RADIO-ACTIVITY
AND ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS! SIT DOWN IN THERE!



BUT—WON'T THAT
COUNTERACT AND
NEUTRALIZE ALL
THE WORK ON THE
ATOMIC BOMB?

YES, BUT IT WILL SAVE MANKIND
FROM ITSELF! IT WILL MAKE MEN
INDESTRUCTIBLE! IT WILL END
ALL WARS—BECAUSE EACH MAN
WILL BE INVINCIBLE AND
INDESTRUCTIBLE!

IN A MOMENT NOW, I'LL KNOW IF MY THEORY
WILL WORK! EITHER YOU'LL BE VAPORIZED IN-
TO NOTHINGNESS—OR YOU'LL EMERGE FROM
THAT CYLINDER A MAN SUCH AS THE WORLD
HAS NEVER KNOWN!



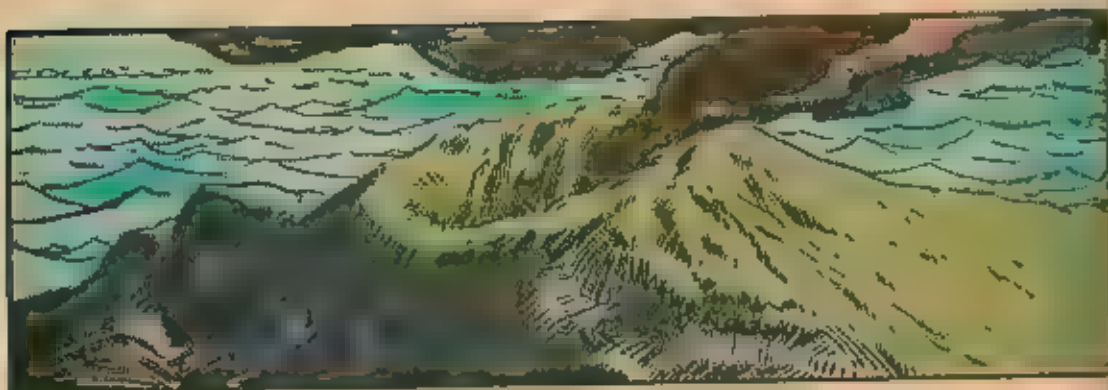
AND NOW FOR THE NEUTRON BOMBARDMENT—
BUT FIRST TO LOCK THE PLUTONIUM—DON'T
WANT TO BLOW UP THE WHOLE PLACE----

GREAT HEAVENS! I
PULLED THE WRONG----

URANIUM LOCK PLUTONIUM LOCK

PLUTONIUM RELEASE

BOOM!



And AT BASS BEACH.

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT LIGHTNING?

IT BLINDED ME! THAT WASN'T LIGHTNING!

A MOMENT LATER--THE CONCUSSION!

WHAT---?? IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

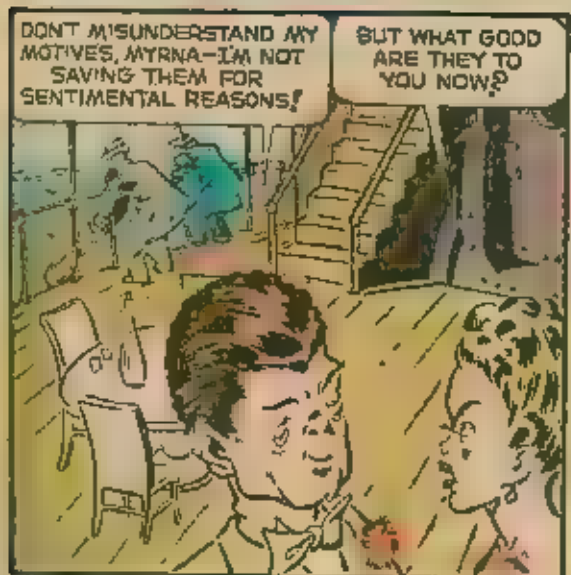
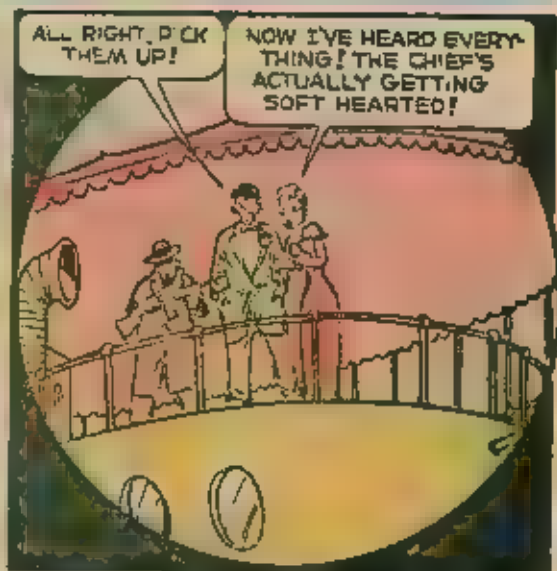
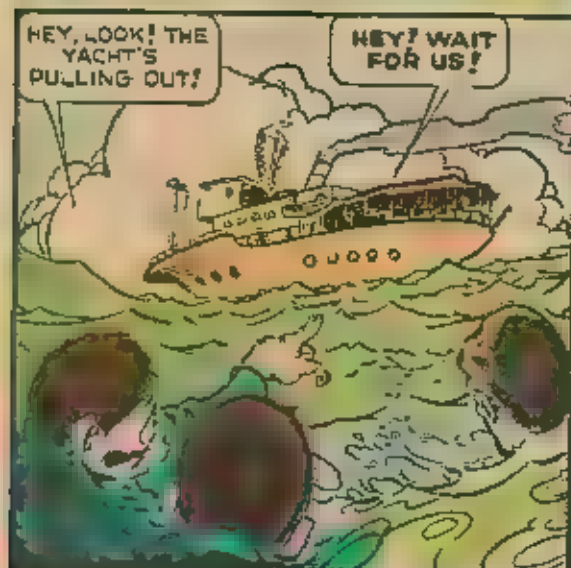
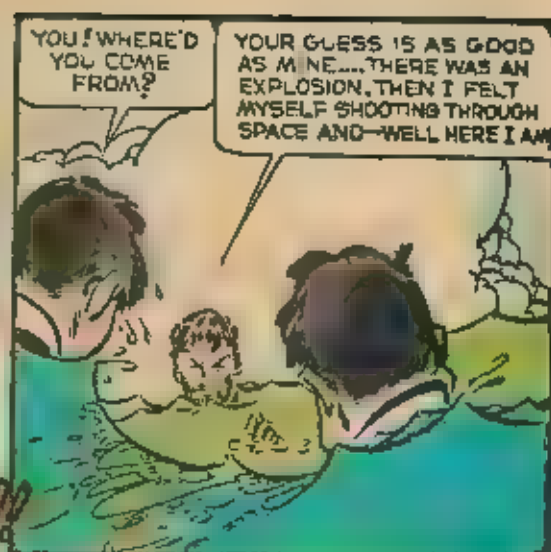
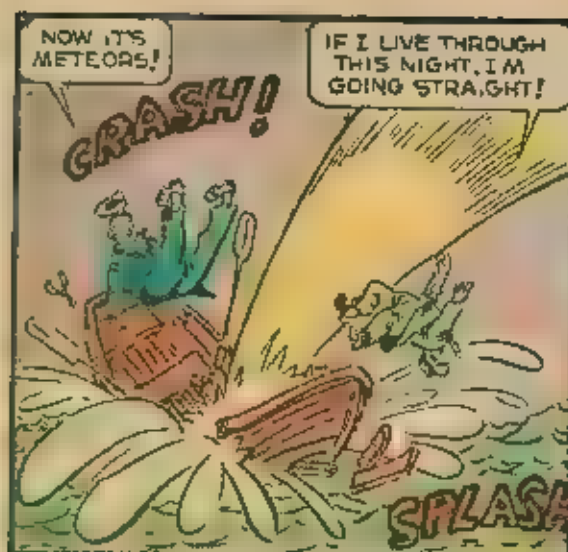
AND THE SOUND WAVES!

R-RUMBLE
RUMBLE

HOLY--WHAT'S THAT?

IT SOUNDS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD!

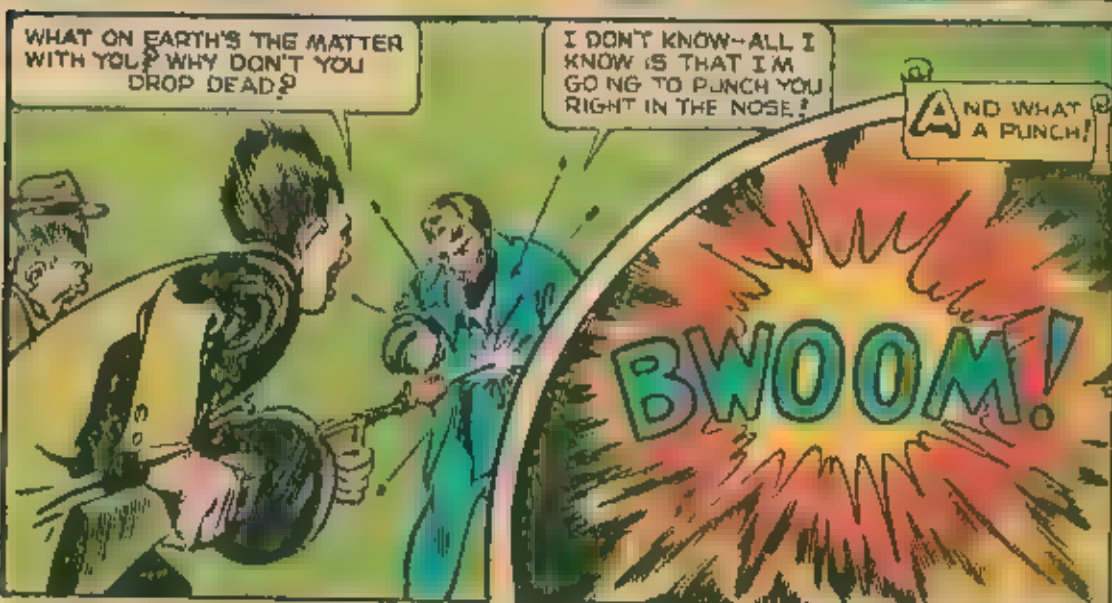
But THAT'S NOT ALL! SOME THING AFLAME FROM THE FRICTION OF ITS SPEED COMES HURTLING DOWN FROM SPACE, AND--





ALL RIGHT MEN, DUMP THEM
OVERBOARD BEFORE THEY
STAIN THE DECK!

AARRGH...



WHAT ON EARTH'S THE MATTER
WITH YOU? WHY DON'T YOU
DROP DEAD?

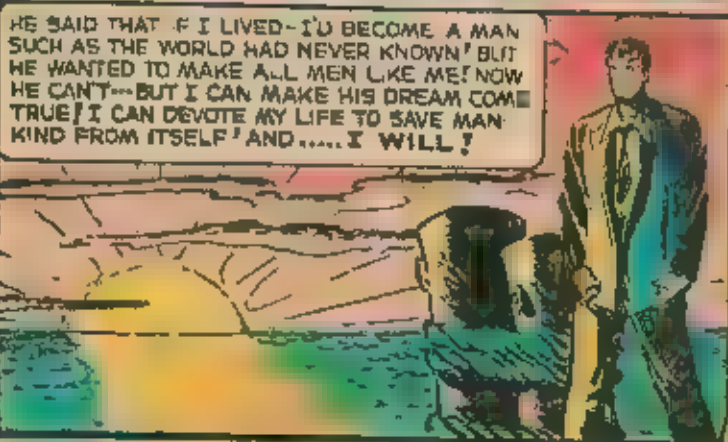
I DON'T KNOW--ALL I
KNOW IS THAT I'M
GOING TO PUNCH YOU
RIGHT IN THE NOSE!

AND WHAT
A PUNCH!

BWOOM!



WHAT WAS IT THE PROFESSOR
SAID? INVINCIBLE AND INDE-
STRUCTIBLE? IT'S BEGINNING
TO ADD UP... HIS EXPERIMENT
WAS A SUCCESS... EVEN
THOUGH HE DIDN'T LIVE TO
SEE IT!



HE SAID THAT IF I LIVED--I'D BECOME A MAN
SUCH AS THE WORLD HAD NEVER KNOWN! BUT
HE WANTED TO MAKE ALL MEN LIKE ME! NOW
HE CAN'T--BUT I CAN MAKE HIS DREAM COME
TRUE! I CAN DEVOTE MY LIFE TO SAVE MAN-
KIND FROM ITSELF! AND..... I WILL!



AND SO--THUNDERBOLT
IS BORN! DON'T MISS
HIS AMAZING ADVENTURES
IN THE NEXT ISSUE
OF THUNDERBOLT
COMICS!WATCH
FOR IT AT YOUR
NEWSSTAND!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MORT? SWEETING?

YES, THE HOUSE IS PRETTY DUSTY RIGOR. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT'S KEEPING THE CUSTOMERS OUT!

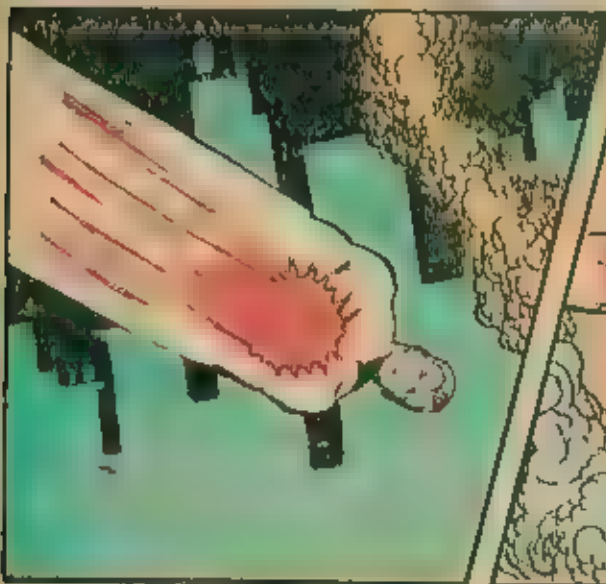


BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD A CUSTOMER IN 30 YEARS!

AND WE HAVEN'T SWEET IN 30 YEARS!

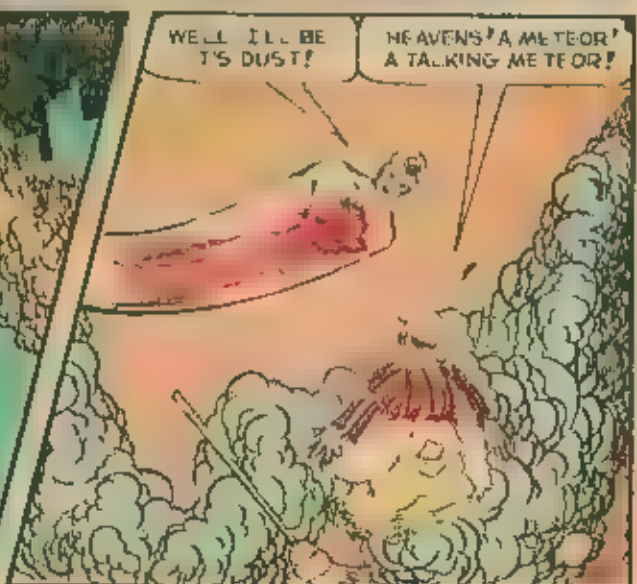
NOT VERY FAR AWAY.

THAT LOOKS LIKE SMOKE! A BUILDING MUST BE ON FIRE!



WELL, I'LL BE IT'S DUST!

HEAVENS! A METEOR! A TALKING METEOR!



DON'T BE AFRAID—I'M THUNDER BOLT! BUT YOU'D BETTER STOP SWEEPING, OR ELSE FURNISH THE POPULACE WITH GAS MASKS!

I'LL GENERATE A R-WAVE... THAT WILL CLEAR THE ATMOSPHERE!

SO LONG, FELLOWS!

SO LONG THUNDER BOLT—GOSH I WISH I COULD FLY LIKE THAT!

BAH! NOTHING BUT ATOMIC PHYSICS!

YOU'RE ALWAYS BELITT'ING MODERN SCIENCE R GOR BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT OUR ALCHEMY NEVER MADE ANYONE FLY!

WELL—WE'VE NEVER TRIED IT!

GOSH RIGOR DO YOU REALLY THINK WE COULD DO IT?

OF COURSE—ALL YOU NEED'S HEAVY WATER AND SOME URANIUM 235—NOTHING TO IT!

YOU GO TO THE ICE MAN AND GET A 25 LB. CAKE OF HEAVY WATER—I'LL GO AND GET THE URANIUM!

SWELL!

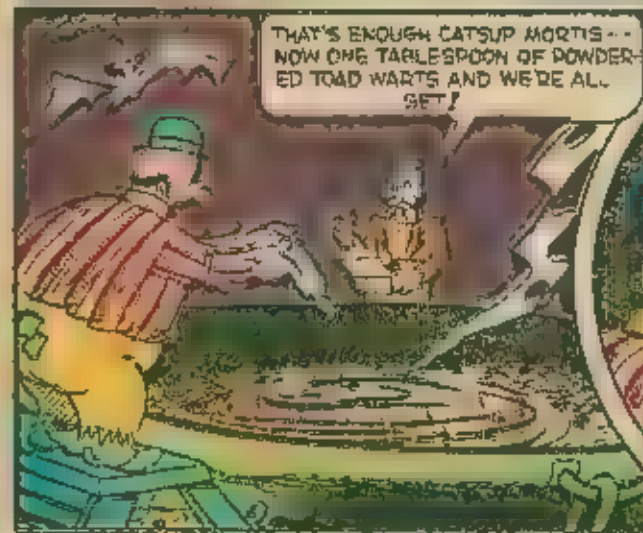
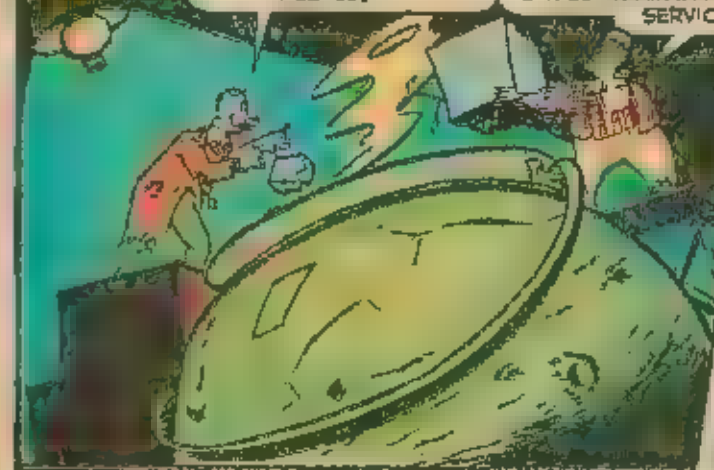
And so...

ALL RIGHT, MORTIS-- DROP
THE HEAVY WATER IN--
AND STIR UNTIL IT'S ALL
MELTED!

IT'LL BE FUN FLYING
OVER THE COUNTRY--
AND PRACTICAL, TOO--WE
CAN BE AN AIR MAIL
SERVICE!

WE'LL BE
BETTER
THAN
A PLANE!

AIRPLANES? BAN!
JUST ANOTHER
PASSING FAD LIKE
ELECTRIC BULBS
AND RADAR--ARE
YOU SURE THE
HEAVY WATER IS
ALL MELTED?



THAT'S ENOUGH CATSUP MORTIS--
NOW ONE TABLESPOON OF POWDERED
TOAD WARTS AND WE'RE ALL
SET!

HOW'S IT
TASTE?

IT COULD USE ANOTHER
PINCH OF SALT!



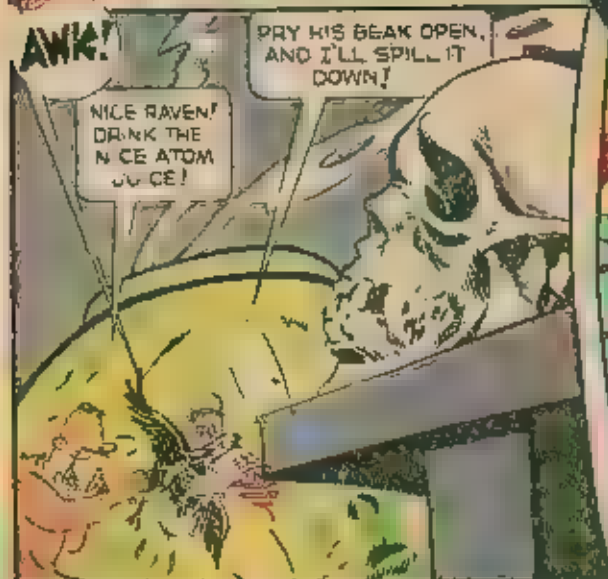
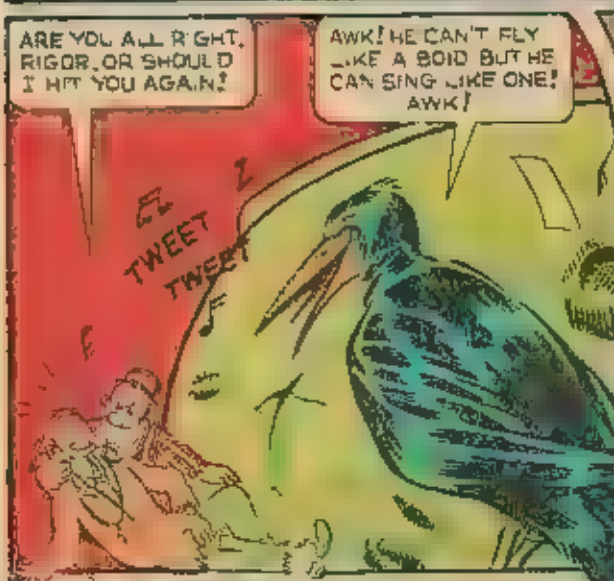
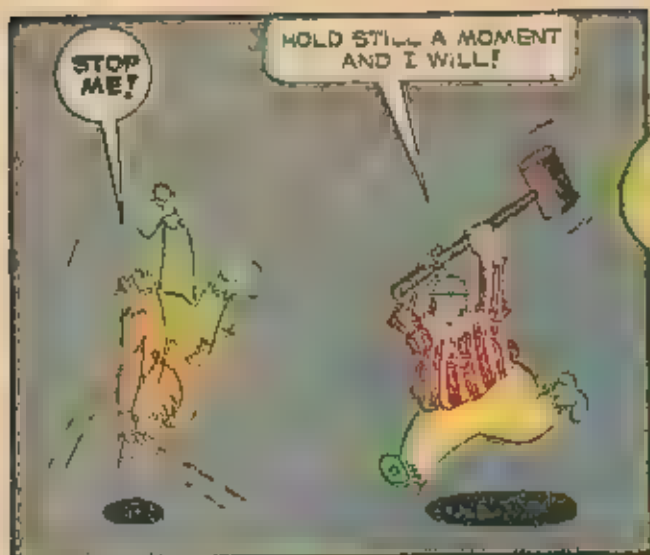
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SAKE--!

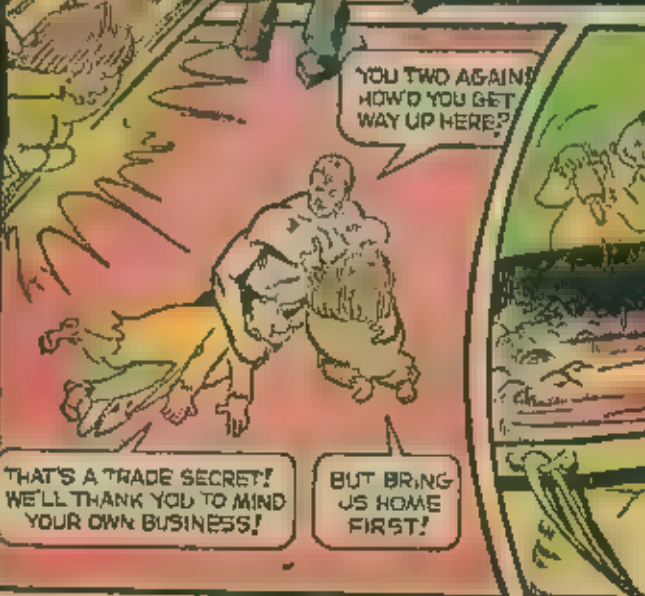
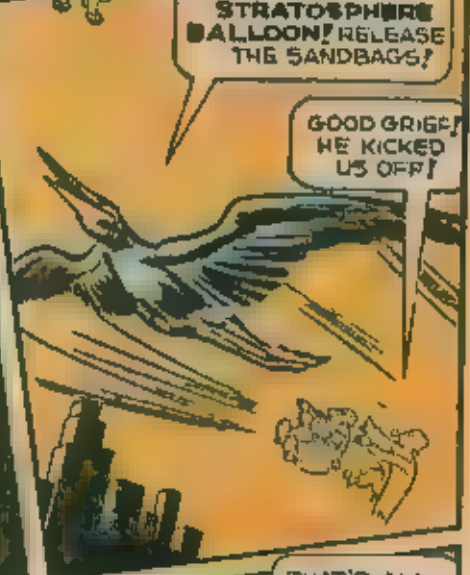
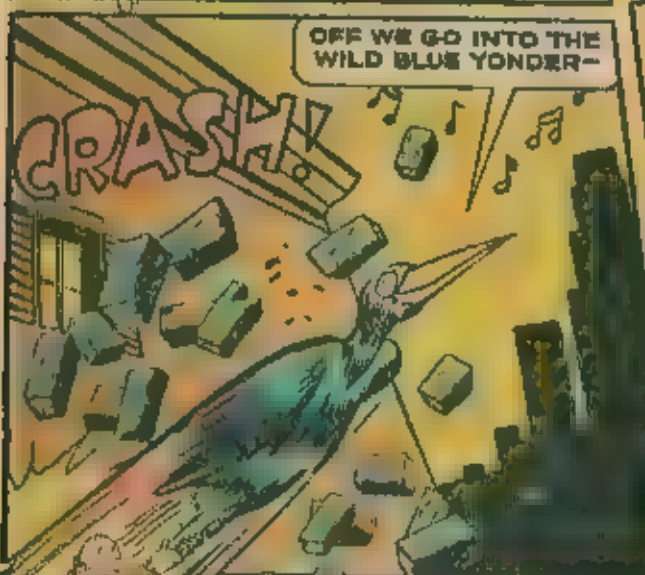
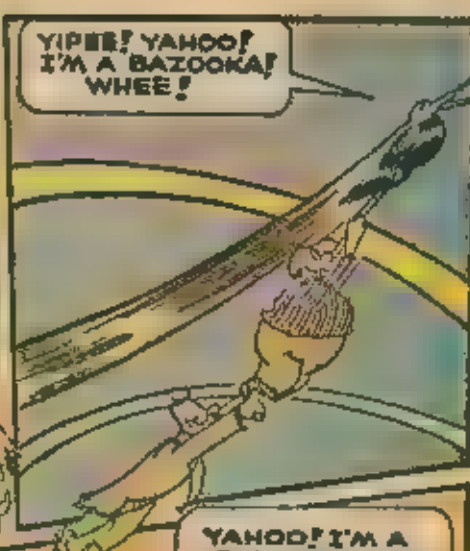
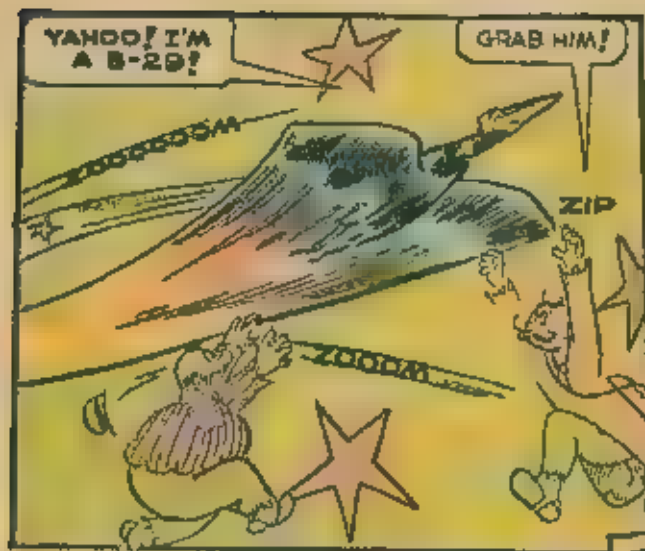
GUILT!



DEAR ME!
DEAR ME!

STOP ME!
STOP ME!





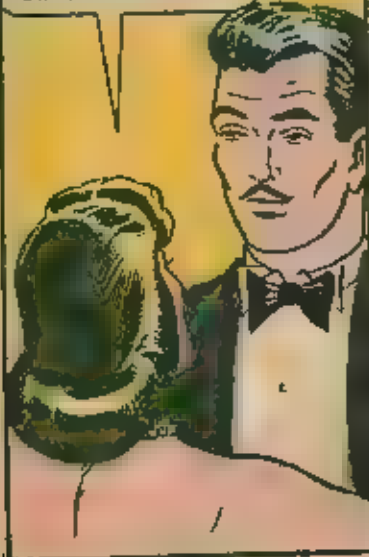
MR. MURDO



MR. MURDO GOES TO A PARTY... BUT HE WASN'T INFORMED WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION THAT **DEATH**, TOO, HAD BEEN INVITED, AND THAT A RATTLESNAKE WAS TO FURNISH THE ENTERTAINMENT....

SO YOU AND DAN ARE OFF TO THE JUNGLES AGAIN? HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT TO BE AWAY, EVA?

A COUPLE OF YEARS I'M AFRAID - DAN NEVER THROWS THESE FAREWELL PARTIES FOR SHORT EXPEDITIONS?



YOU DON'T SEEM VERY ENTHUSED - I SUPPOSE BEING MARRIED TO A NATURALIST IS RATHER RUGGED FOR A WOMAN!

IT ISN'T EXACTLY PLEASANT, BUT AFTER ALL, IT IS MY HUSBAND'S WORK!



SPEAKING OF YOUR HUSBAND, WHERE'S HE? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ALL EVENING!

HE'S A TERRIBLE HOST-- NO DOUBT HE'S IN HIS ZOOLOGICAL ROOM PLAYING WITH HIS LITTLE PETS!



I REALLY BELIEVE HE PREFERS THE COMPANY OF ANIMALS TO HUMAN BEINGS--

HE SOUNDS LIKE A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE!



DAN, WE---
GOOD HEAVENS!

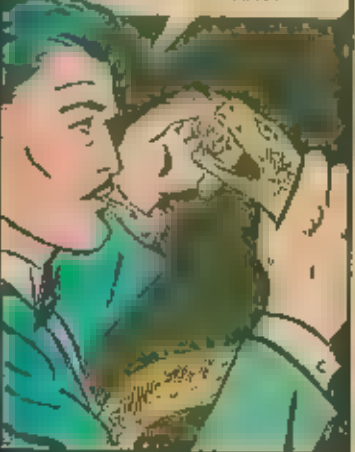




I'M SURE THE CORONER WILL
CORROBORATE MY OPINION—
NOW LET'S SEE—LEGS SPREAD,
POSITION ABOUT THREE FEET
AWAY FROM THE SNAKE, EN-
TICES IT TO
STRIKE WITH
ONE HAND
AND THEN—



A TOOTHBACK PRESSED
AGAINST THE FANGS WILL
DRAIN THE VENOM—HMM,
NO VENOM—



YOU'VE BEEN NEGLECT
N YOUR DUTY AS A BODY
GUARD HOGAN. N YOUR BRIEF
ABSENCE MR DARTON WAS - -
MURDERED!



MURDERED?
YO, I MEAN--

I MEAN MURDERED THE SNAKE THAT
BIT HIM WAS OF THE HUMAN VARIETY--
HE DIED SO QUICKLY BECAUSE THE FEMALE
IS THE DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES. PARDON
ME WHILE I PHONE THE POLICE!

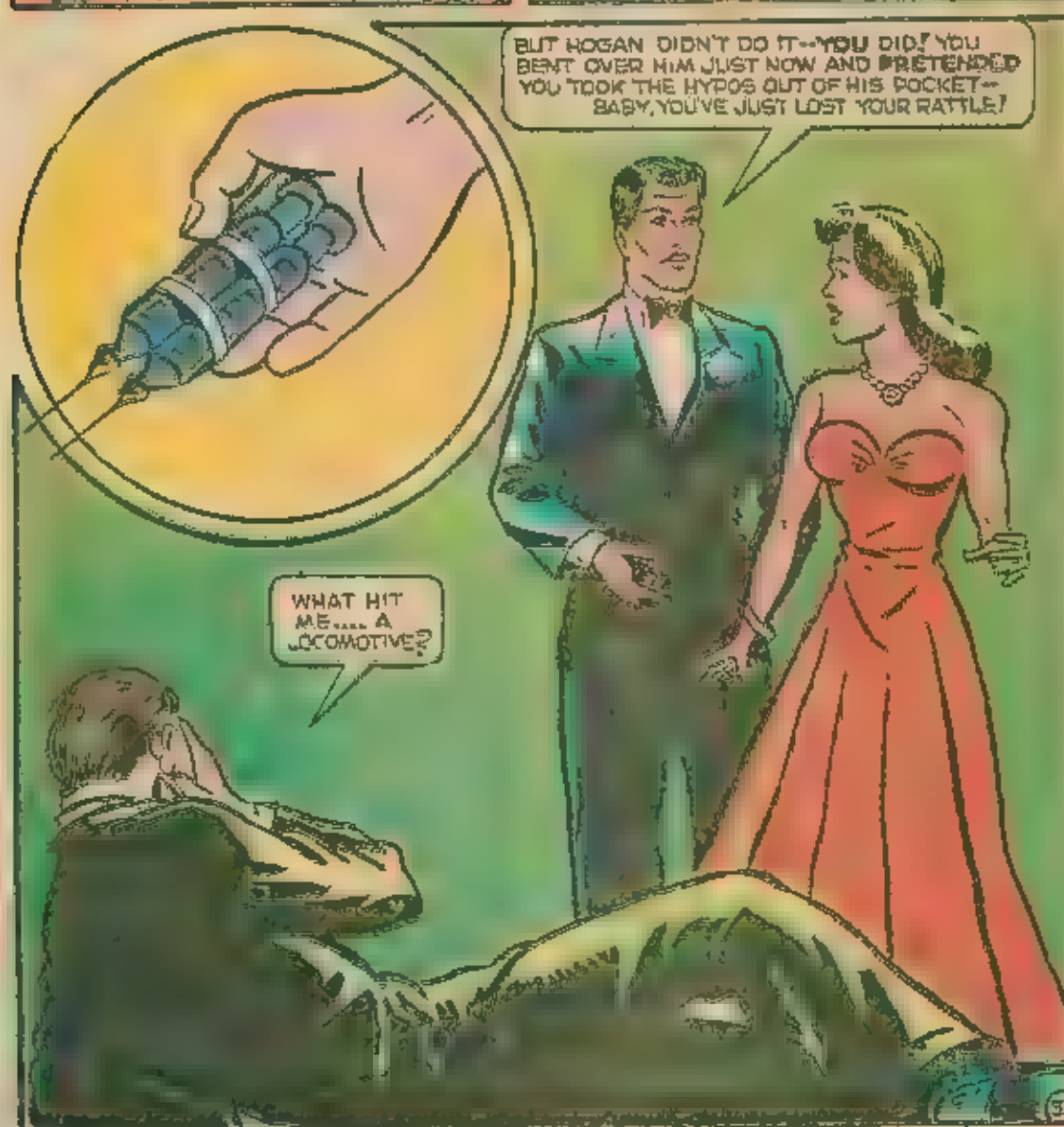
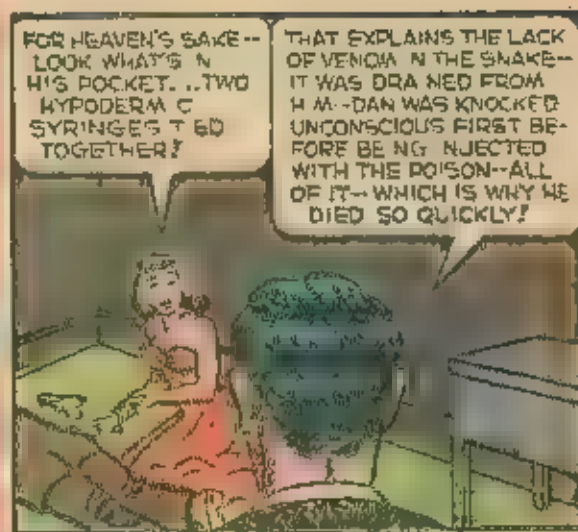
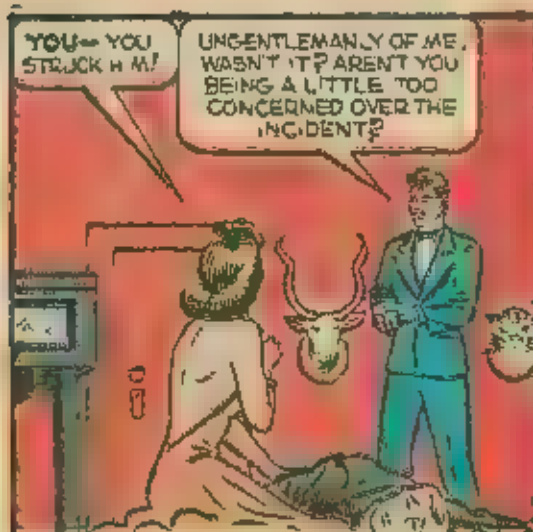


HOLD IT MURDO. ARE YOU
HINTIN THAT MRS. DARTON
HAD SOME THING TO DO WITH
THIS?



IT DEPRESSES ME TO RESORT TO
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, HOGAN--BUT
BEING SHOT DEPRESSES ME EVEN
MORE!





I'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU, MR. MURDO--YOU ARE A CLEVER DETECTIVE, BUT IN JUST A MOMENT YOU WILL BE ---

THE POLICE STAT ON. PLEASE--



--- A VERY DEAD DETECTIVE!

PLEASE EVA--I CAN'T LET A WOMAN KILL ME-- IT WOULD RUIN MY REPUTATION!



THANKS, EVA, FOR PLAYING INTO MY HANDS SO NEATLY. ALL I ACTUALLY KNEW WAS THAT WHOEVER KILLED DAN SNAKE ALL ABOUT HANDLING SNAKES-- SOMETHING THE WIFE OF A NATURALIST WOULD KNOW!



I MUST REMEMBER TO SEND EVA A BILL FOR MY SERVICES...



THE WEREWOLF OF LONESOME GULCH

by VERNON ZIMMERMAN

There were those who said it was just the howling of the wind through the leafless limbs of the gnarled and twisted trees that clung to the rocks of Lonesome Gulch, but even the staunchest of the scoffers made a wide detour around the place when darkness came—just in case.

But what had been legend and superstition suddenly became stark and horrible reality when the body of the Texan was found clawed and mangled and bloodless on the edge of Lonesome Gulch.

At the first reaction to the discovery, the town had been dumfounded. Then the opinion was formed that the Texan had been killed by a wolf (or a werewolf, as some people say) and that some hungry animal had taken advantage of his complete unconsciousness.

This angle satisfied everybody with the exception of Doc Mort. Doc said that in all his experience he had never known an animal to drain every last drop of blood out of a victim, and furthermore, mountain lions never attacked human beings—unconscious or not.

Be that as it may, the loss of the Texan was of small matter to the community, and the incident was soon forgotten—until the day the Perkins boys were trailing a wounded deer through the tangled underbrush of Lonesome Gulch, and found another body—mangled as badly as the first.

They took one look at the gruesome sight, and whipped their horses around and raced back to town. Doc Mort and Sheriff Calvert stopped their poker

game and climbed hastily to their feet as the Perkins boys rushed into the jail house.

"What inarnation's wrong?" shouted the Sheriff as the brothers tried to talk at the same time with loud but incoherent results.

Finally, they got the story out.

"Who was it?" asked the Sheriff, hanging on his ear ridge belt.

"I don't stop long enough to find out."

The Sheriff grunted, slapped his station on and went out the door, followed by Doc Mort who kept muttering, "I know it, I know it."

They were at the scene in fifteen minutes. Doc Mort, medical examiner and coroner of the county knelt over the body.

"Same as the Texan," he observed. He turned the mangled body around and peered intently into the cut and battered face. "It's Jud Diggers." He pried open the rigid fingers of a crumpled fist, and pulled up several grey hairs. He grunted, clumbed to his feet and extended the telltale clue to the Sheriff.

"Hmmm, looks like wolf fur," observed the Sheriff.

The younger Perkins said, "No wolf could mutilate a man like that."

The older Perkins corrected, "One kind of wolf could—a werewolf."

Even Doc Mort shuddered.

After a long pause, the Sheriff

snapped, "Aw, let's not start that kind of fool talk again. Come on, let's get the body out of here."

They wrapped the corpse in a tarpaulin and strapped it on a horse. As they started back to town, a derisive howl which might have been the wind echoed from the gulch and sent chills through the men. They set spurs to the flanks of the already nervous horses.

Back in Sheriff Calvert's office, a grim-faced body of men were listening to Doc Mort. "Two deaths in two weeks," he was saying. "Both under the same circumstances. Something's got to be done about it."

"Can't do nothin' about a werewolf," said a raw-faced cowpuncher. "Nothin' but pull up stakes an' take off. Personally, I'm leavin' town."

Doc spat a mouthful of tobacco juice into the cuspidor. "Fer a full-grown man you sure got some childish ideas. Not only that, but you're probably playing right into the murderer's hands."

"What do you mean, Doc?" asked the Sheriff.

"I mean that whoever the murderer is, he's committing his crimes for a reason—he's mutilating and draining the blood from his victims for a reason—to scare everybody in town—to make everybody leave!"

The men looked dubious, but open to argument.

"I'm deputizing all of you," said the Sheriff. "Come on, men, we're going to catch that murderer—human or werewolf!"

A half mile from Lonesome Gulch, they halted their horses and mapped

their plan. Doc Mort volunteered to play worm on their hook. He took off alone, the others followed singly and in pairs making a circle around the gulch.

Doc dismounted on the edge of the gulch, tied his horse's reins to a tree, and entered the eerie spot. He wasn't there long before the crackle of a twig behind him made him whirl about—but too late. He went down under the heavy impact of a furry body. He felt razor-sharp claws rip through his flesh. He struggled, hoping desperately for the Sheriff's whistle which would bring the others to his aid—but no whistle came.

Doc was no match for the hairy brute—he exerted all his strength in an effort to dislodge the thing, and then went suddenly limp, playing dead. He clenched his teeth and remained motionless as claws ripped across his face.

The hairy thing turned him over, stared at him and then climbed to its feet. At that instant, Doc Mort whistled and rolled quickly out of the way as the thing leaped at him.

The men arrived in an instant. The hairy thing was overpowered in a moment, the fur removed—and Sheriff Calvert suddenly revealed.

Doc Mort climbed painfully to his feet. One of the others assisted him. Doc turned curious eyes on the pale-faced Sheriff. "Well?" he asked.

"Oil," said the Sheriff.

"So you tried to scare us all away? I was right about that angle—too bad I didn't suspect you, or I would have saved myself some very painful injuries..."

NATURAL HISTORY

BY
ROBERT
PETERSON

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THERE ARE NO WILD HORSES NATIVE TO AMERICA...THE HERDS OF MUSTANGS ONCE COMMON TO THE WEST WHICH FURNISHED THE INDIAN WITH HIS MOUNT, WERE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE HORSES BROUGHT HERE BY CORTESZ AND DE SOTO!

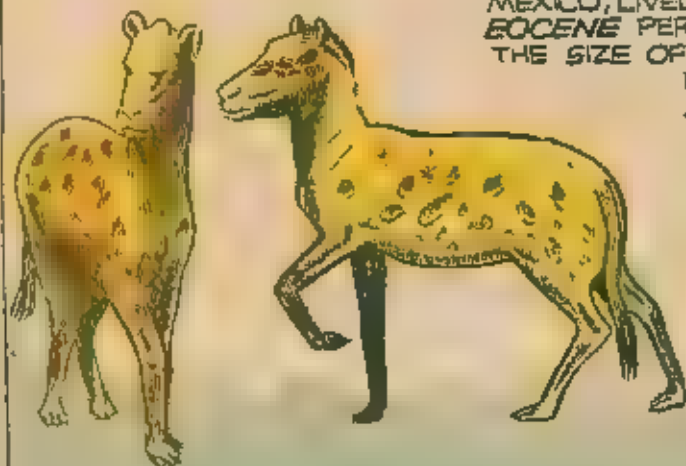


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PREHISTORIC TIMES, THE ANCESTORS OF MODERN HORSES WERE NATIVE TO AMERICA... *ECHIPPUS*, NAMED FROM FOSSILS FOUND IN WYOMING AND NEW MEXICO, LIVED DURING THE LOWER EOCENE PERIOD, AND WERE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FOX! THEY HAD

FOUR TOES IN FRONT AND THREE BEHIND... MODERN HORSE HAS DEVELOPED THROUGH 3,000,000 YEARS OF EVOLUTION!

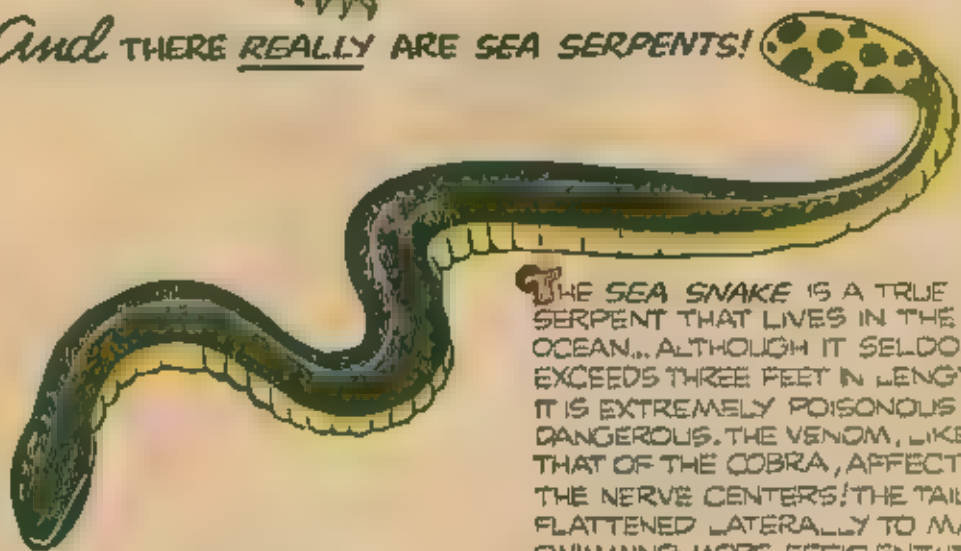


OF COURSE THERE ARE DRAGONS!



The NATIVES OF KOMODO IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES INSISTED THAT DRAGONS INHABITED THEIR ISLAND.. BUT NOT UNTIL 1914 WERE THESE DRAGONS DISCOVERED TO BE LIZARDS....THE LARGEST LIZARDS ON EARTH! THEY REACH A LENGTH OF OVER TWELVE FEET, AND A WEIGHT OF OVER 250 POUNDS, AND ARE AS FEROCIOUS AND DANGEROUS AS THEY LOOK!

And THERE REALLY ARE SEA SERPENTS!



THE SEA SNAKE IS A TRUE SEA SERPENT THAT LIVES IN THE OCEAN.. ALTHOUGH IT SELDOM EXCEEDS THREE FEET IN LENGTH, IT IS EXTREMELY POISONOUS AND DANGEROUS. THE VENOM, LIKE THAT OF THE COBRA, AFFECTS THE NERVE CENTERS! THE TAIL IS FLATTENED Laterally TO MAKE SWIMMING MORE EFFICIENT! IT IS CLUMSY ON LAND..

ANOTHER UGLY CUSTOMER ON A SMALLER SCALE, IS THE SCORPION! AND THOUGH FEW SPECIES ARE DEADLY, ARIZONA BOASTS TWO THAT CAUSE MORE DEATHS THAN RATTLESNAKES! THESE ARE BUT 2½ INCHES IN LENGTH! IN THE TROPICS, SCORPIONS GROW TO EIGHT INCHES AND MORE! THEY DO NOT LAY EGGS... BUT BRINGS FORTH THEIR YOUNG ALIVE!



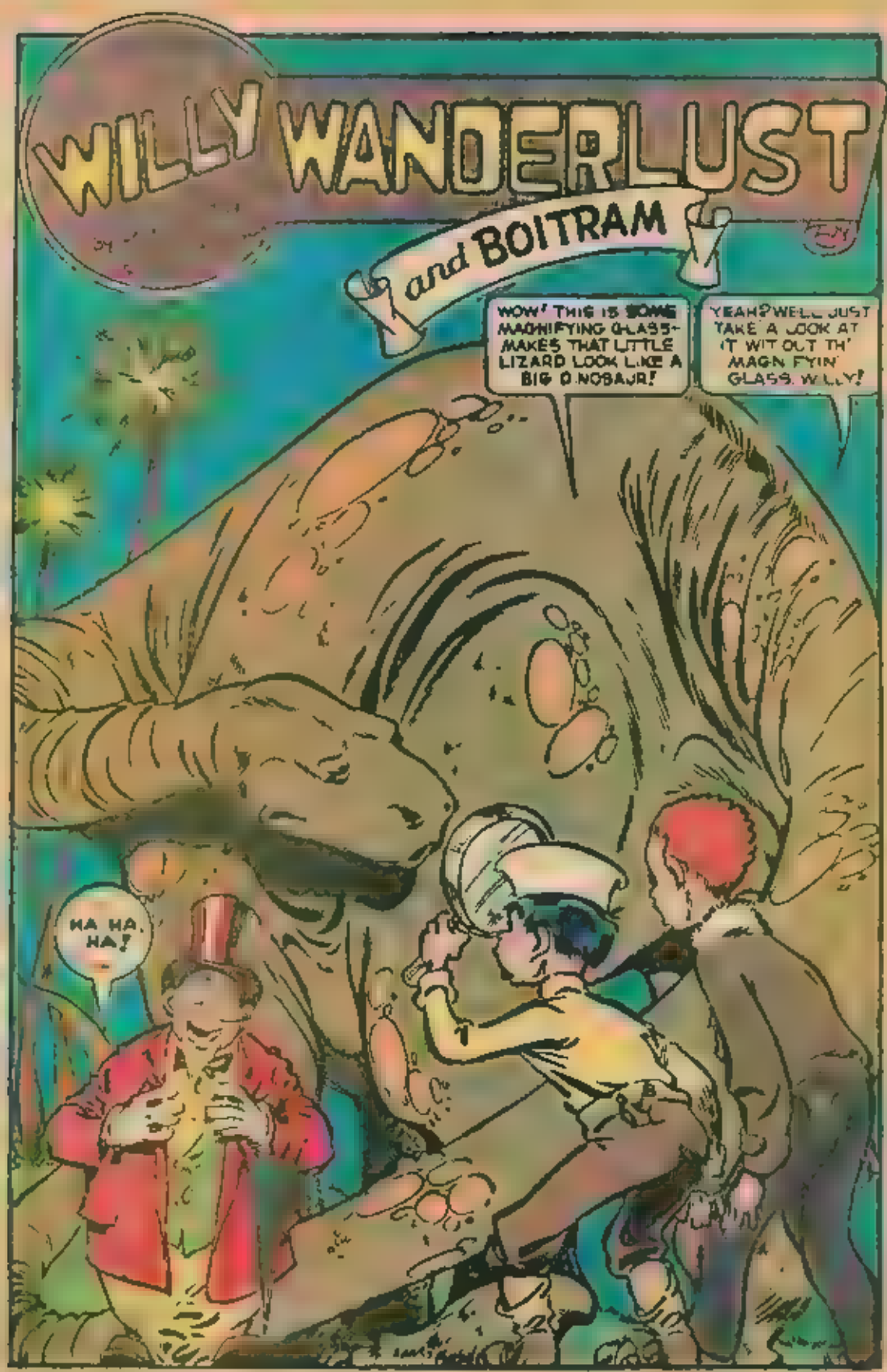
WILLY WANDERLUST

and BOITRAM

WOW! THIS IS SOME
MAGNIFYING GLASS-
MAKES THAT LITTLE
LIZARD LOOK LIKE A
BIG O NOBAUR!

YEAH? WELL JUST
TAKE A LOOK AT
IT WIT OUT TH'
MAGN FYIN'
GLASS, WILLY!

HA HA.
HA?

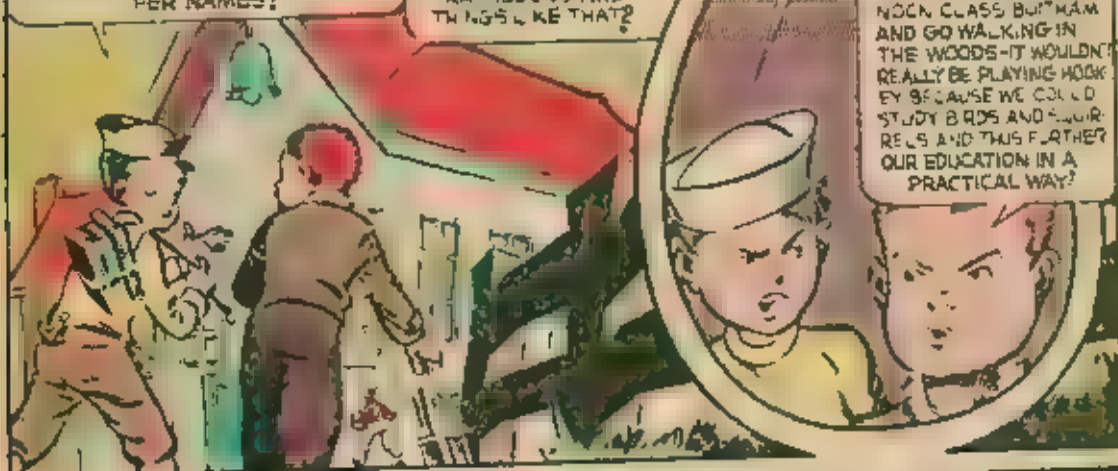


CRIPES, WILLY, WE GOT NATURAL HISTORY DIS AFTERNOON—I HATE DAT PREHISTORIC STUFF—ALL DEM ANIMALS GOT JAW-BREAKERS PER NAMES!

I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL BOITRAM—WHO WASTES TO ASK ABOUT BRONTOSAURUS, TRACHOCYNUS AND THINGS LIKE THAT?

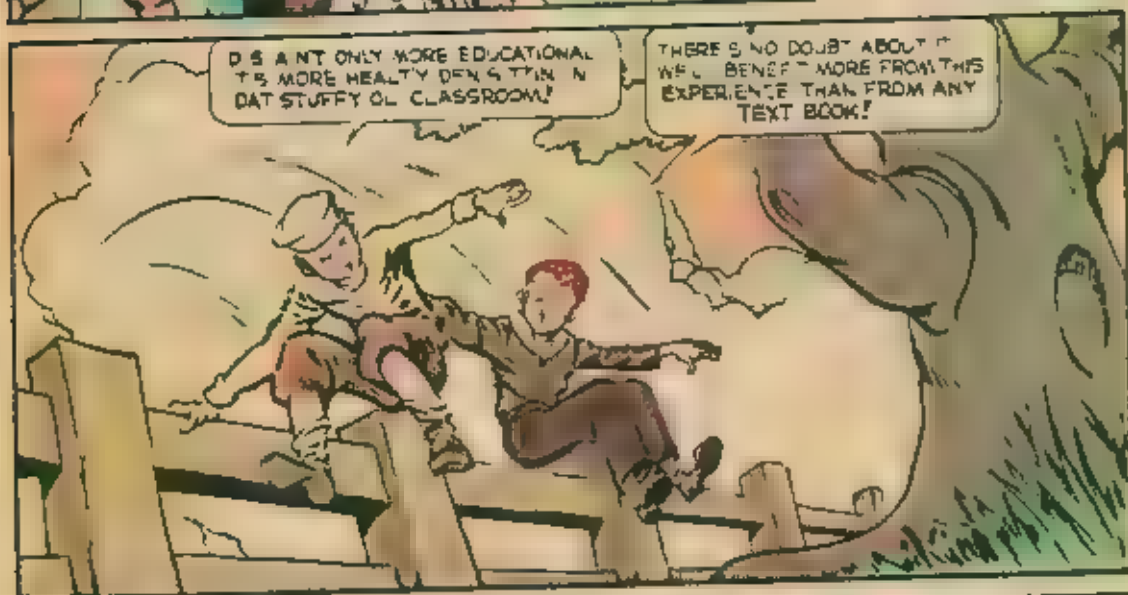
I'D RATHER LOIN STUFF 'BOUT ANIMALS WHAT LIVE TODAY LIKE SQUIDS AN' SO ON AN' THINGS!

LET'S CUT THE AFTERNOON CLASS BUT KAM AND GO WALKING IN THE WOODS—IT WOULDN'T REALLY BE PLAYING HOOKY 'CAUSE WE COULD STUDY BIRDS AND SQUIRRELS AND THUS FLETHER OUR EDUCATION IN A PRACTICAL WAY!



IS AINT ONLY MORE EDUCATIONAL 'S MORE HEALTHY DEN STAYIN' IN DAT STUFFY OL' CLASSROOM!

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT WE'LL BENEFIT MORE FROM THIS EXPERIENCE THAN FROM ANY TEXT BOOK!

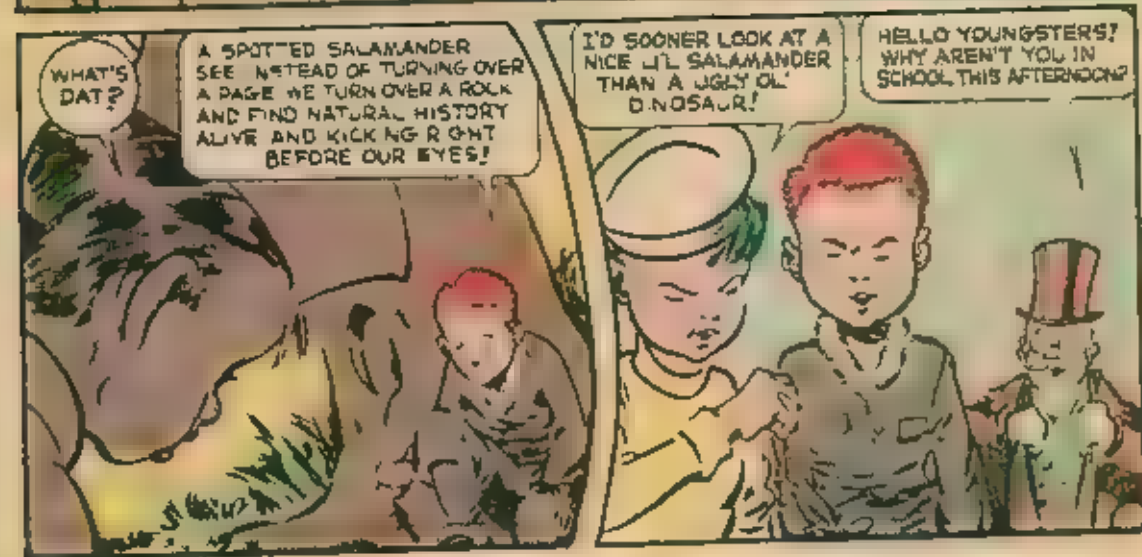


WHAT'S DAT?

A SPOTTED SALAMANDER SEE INSTEAD OF TURNING OVER A PAGE WE TURN OVER A ROCK AND FIND NATURAL HISTORY ALIVE AND KICKING RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!

I'D SOONER LOOK AT A NICE LIL' SALAMANDER THAN A UGLY OL' D. NOSAUR!

HELLO YOUNGSTERS! WHY AREN'T YOU IN SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON?



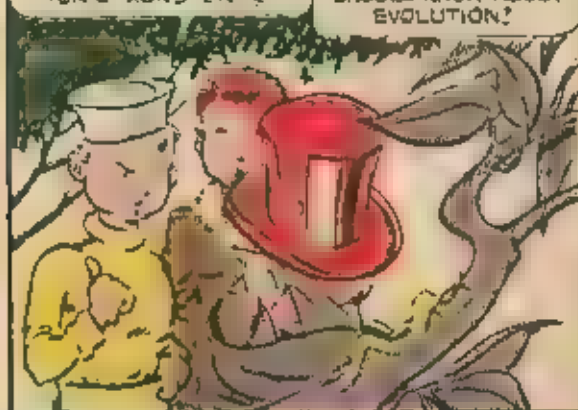
SCHOOL PWE CUT CLASS
SO WE COULD LOIN A FEW
T'INGS---WHAT GOOD IS
KNOWIN' BOUT PREHIS-
TORIC MONSTERS?

WMM BUT IN ORDER
TO FULLY UNDER-
STAND AND APPRECIATE
ANIMAL LIFE ONE
SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
EVOLUTION?

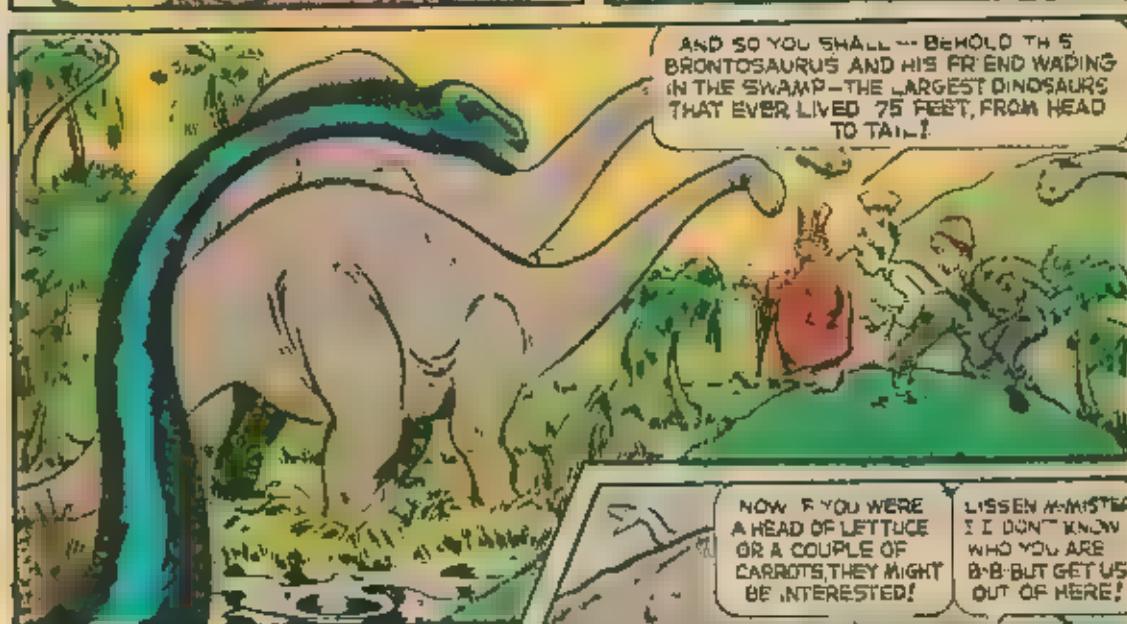
THERE'S NOTHING DULL
ABOUT NATURAL HISTORY--
COME WITH ME AND I'LL
SHOW YOU JUST HOW
INTERESTING IT CAN BE!

HOW YA GONNA
DO DAT?

NATURAL
HISTORY
INTEREST
NIGHTS
I'VE GOT
TO SEE!



AND SO YOU SHALL--BEHOLD THIS
BRONTOSAURUS AND HIS FRIEND WADING
IN THE SWAMP--THE LARGEST DINOSAURS
THAT EVER LIVED--75 FEET, FROM HEAD
TO TAIL!



NOW IF YOU WERE
A HEAD OF LETTUCE
OR A COUPLE OF
CARROTS, THEY MIGHT
BE INTERESTED!

LISSSEN A-MISTER
I I DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU ARE
B-B-BUT GET US
OUT OF HERE!

W-W-WHAT'S TH M MATTER
WIT' M-M-MY FEET? D-DEY
W-W-WONT M-M-MOVE!

Y-Y YOU'RE
PARALYZED--
U-U-JUST
LIKE M-ME!

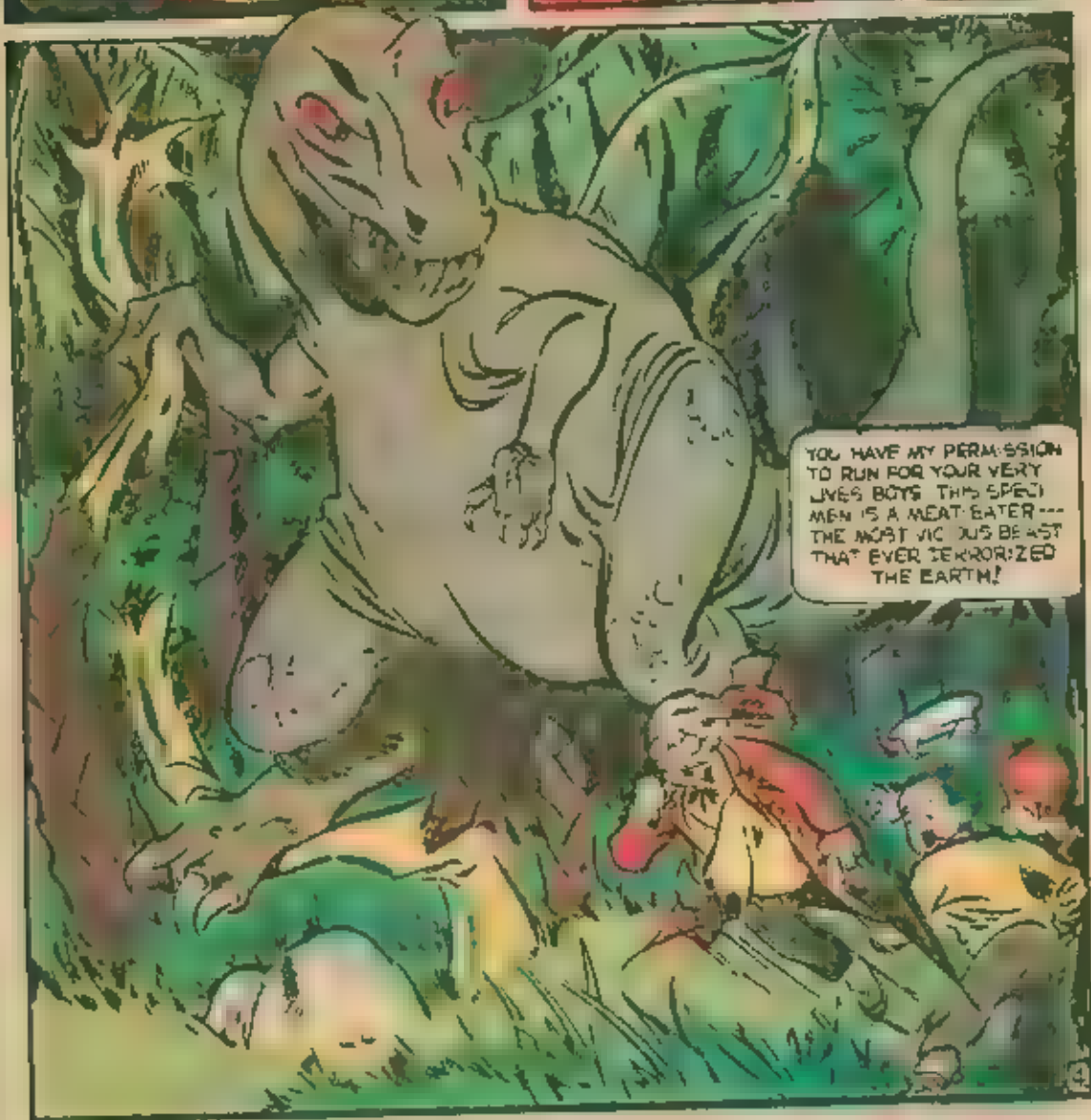
NO NEED TO
WORRY BOYS--
BRONTOSAURUS
IS A VEGETARIAN--
HE WON'T
MOLEST YOU!



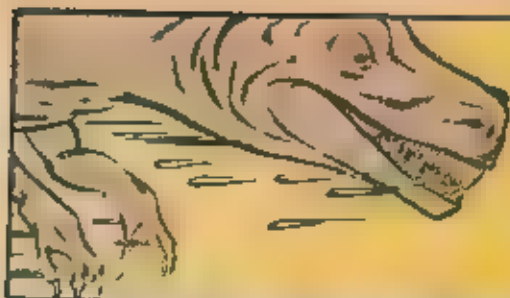
PAN! RELAX BOYS--THOSE
REPTILES WOULDN'T HUNT
A FLY!

OH-OH--HERE COMES
A TYRANNOSAURUS!

HEY--NOW YER SCARED!
I THOUGHT YA SAID
THERE WAS NOTHING
TO WORRY BOUT!



YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION
TO RUN FOR YOUR VERY
LIVES BOYS. THIS SPECI-
MEN IS A MEAT-EATER---
THE MOST VICIOUS BEAST
THAT EVER TERRORIZED
THE EARTH!



WHEW! WE AIN'T IN
ENOUGH TROUBLE—
THE TEMPERATURE
GOTTA BE A
HUNDRED DEGREES!

THAT BOITRAM IS NOT
THE WEATHER—IT'S THE
HOT BREATH OF THE
TYRANNOSAURUS ON
OUR NECKS!



WHEW! DAT WAS CLOSE!
WE GOT INTO DA CAVE
JUS' IN TIME!

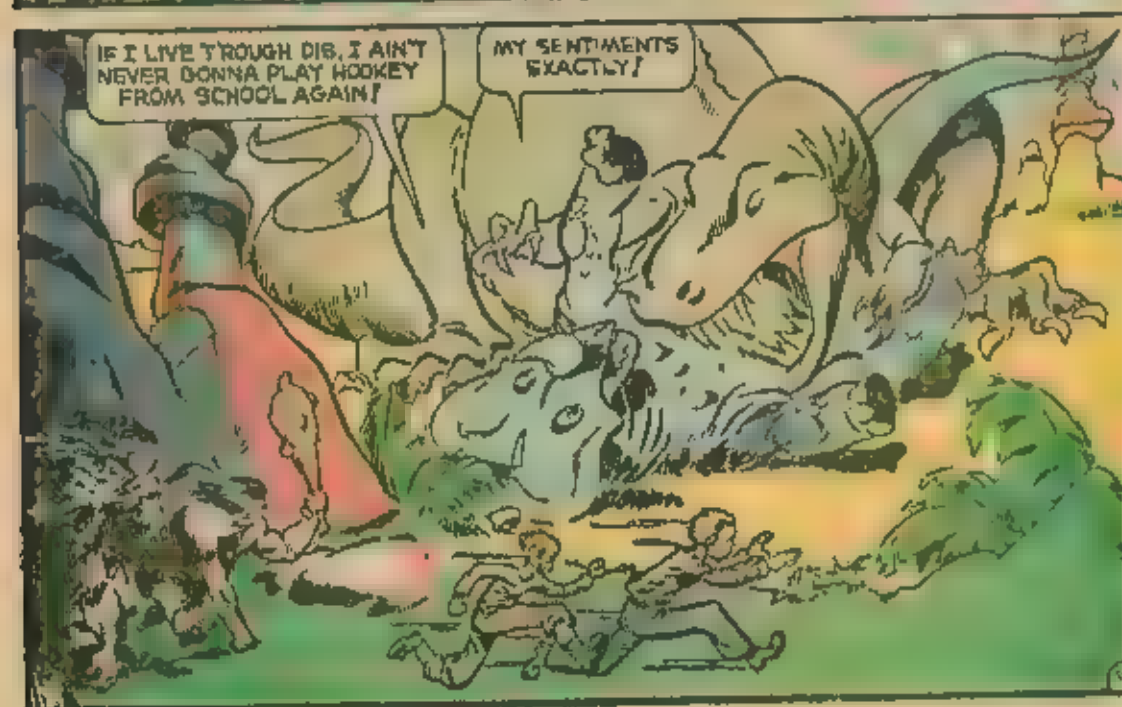
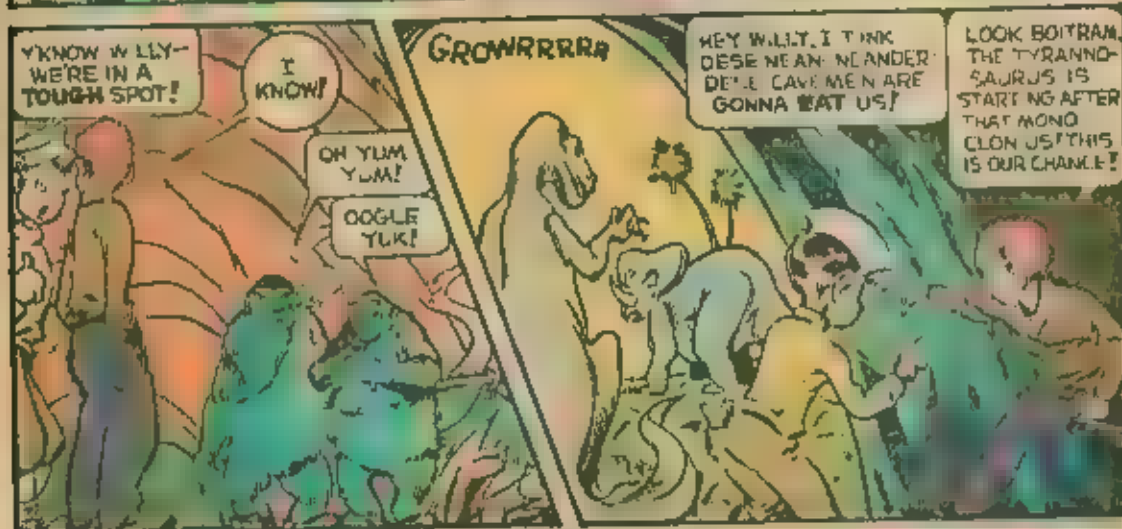
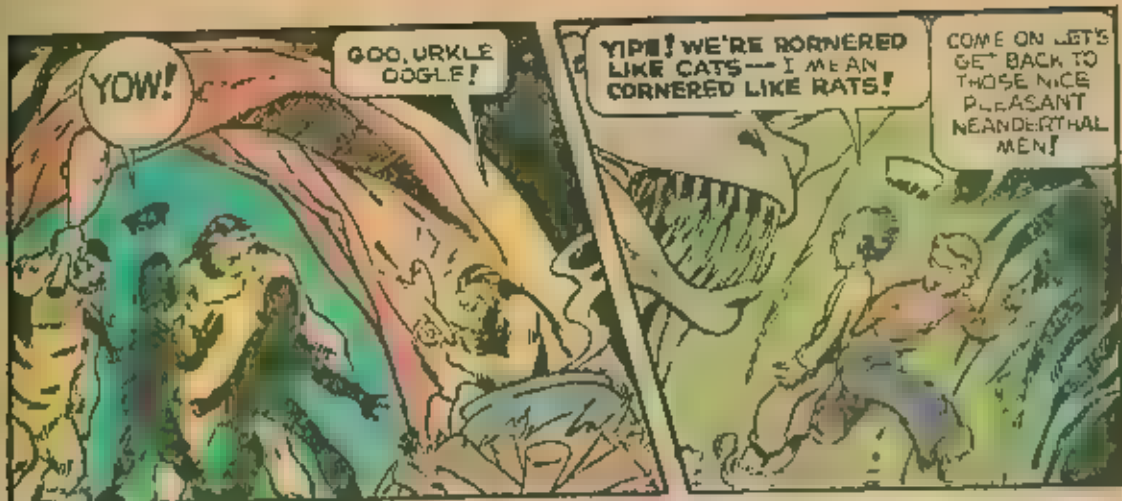
YEP WE'RE SAFE
FOR THE TIME
BEING AT LEAST!



HOW'D WE EVER GET INTO A
MESS LIKE DIS IN TH FOIST
PLACE W L Y P... AN WHAT
HAPPENED TO DAT
LITTLE MAN?

I DON'T KNOW... AND AT THE
MOMENT I DON'T CARE! LET'S
SIT DOWN AND TAKE IT EASY
UNTIL THAT MONSTER GOES
AWAY—WOW AM I GLAD WE
FOUND THIS CAVE!





THIS LOOKS LIKE
TH' END FER SOITAN.
WILLY--- THEY'RE
CATCHIN' UP TO US!

MY---LEGS
---ARE---
GIVING---
OUT!

HEY..?

WHAT
IN---?

GROWK!

WHADDYA KNOW--
WE BEEN SAVED
BY A MIRACLE!

THIS IS A RATHER
PECULIAR COUNTRY
TO SAY THE LEAST!

WOW! DID I
SAY MIRACLE!

YOU ALSO SAID
"SAVED"--BOITRAM,
WE'RE JUST GOING
FROM BAD TO WORSE!

HA, HA, HA, HA, HA! SO
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GO
TO SCHOOL AND LEARN
NATURAL HISTORY FROM A
TEXT BOOK, EH? HA, HA, HA,
HA. WELL THEY'LL LEARN
A LESSON THEY'LL NEVER
FORGET! HA, HA, HA, HA!
THEY'VE GOT LOTS OF
SURPRISES IN STORE FOR
THEM IN THE NEXT ISSUE
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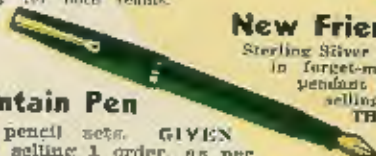


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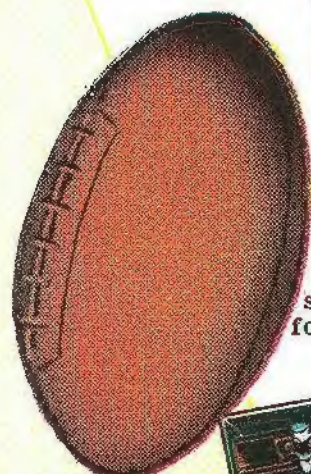


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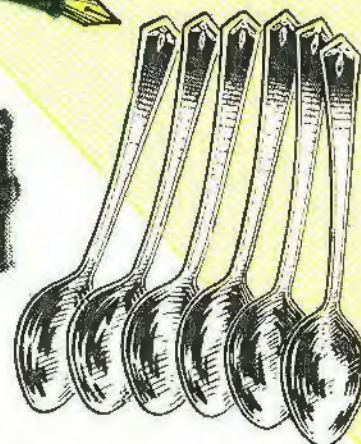
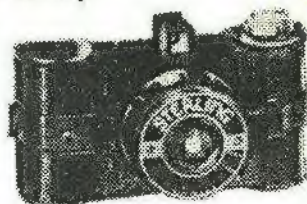
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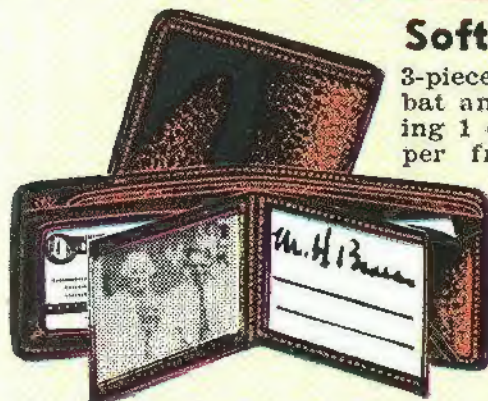
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